

A. STATE-AT-A-GLANCE

1) Program Operation	State administered; 6 regional field offices and 3 district field offices
2) Number of Local Offices (excluding Agencies under Cooperative Agreements)	None
3) Type of Agencies with Cooperative Agreements	35 local county prosecuting attorneys for representation in Superior Court System; Attorney General in counties not handled by local prosecutors
4) Uniform Interstate Family Support Act	Yes
5) Agreements With Tribal Entities	Yes; Colville Confederated Tribes of Washington and Nisqually Indian Tribe
6) Age of Majority for Termination of Support	18, but special consideration may be given by court extending support or requiring non-custodian to provide for post-secondary education
7) Statutes of Limitation:	
• Collection of Past Due Support	10 years after emancipation of youngest child for all orders entered after 07/13/89; 10 years after a payment becomes delinquent for all orders entered before 07/13/89
• Paternity Establishment	Age of majority of child
Dormancy Revival/Renewal Possible [yes/no]	Doctrine not recognized
8) Guidelines	Income shares
9) Interest Rates on	Statutory rate 12%
• Missed Payments	Only if reduced to judgment by the initiating jurisdiction
• Retroactive Support	Only if reduced to or included in judgment
• Adjudicated Arrearage	Only if reduced to judgment
10) Arrearage Collections for Non-minor Child(ren)	Yes, where the former physical custodian of a child applies for nonassistance services
11) Distribution Scheme	
• AFDC Arrears	First to current support (if multiple cases, proportionately among the cases), then to non-AFDC arrears (if multiple cases, proportionately among the cases), then to AFDC arrears (if multiple cases, proportionately among the cases), EXCEPT for

	IRS intercepted funds, which apply first to AFDC arrears
• Non-AFDC Arrears	See AFDC arrears, above
12) Procedures Regarding Medical Support Using Income Withholding	Yes
13) New Hire Reporting	Yes
14) Recovery of Costs Elected Under State Plan	No
15) Recovery of Costs for Initiating State	Yes; birth costs (non-assistance only) and blood test costs, but not court costs
16) Long-Arm Statute	RCW 4.28.185 26.26.080 RCW 26.21.075 (UIFSA)
17) Automated Locate Resources	Department of Licensing, Department of Retirement Systems, Department of Corrections, Department of Labor & Industries, Department of Health, Employment Security Department, DSHS IV-A Program, and Credit Bureaus
18) Enforcement Options	
• State Income Tax Refund Intercept	No
• License Revocation/ Suspension	No
• Administrative Liens	Yes
• Property Seizure & Sale	Yes
• State Funds/Benefits (please specify)	Yes; unemployment benefits, Labor & Industries (workers' compensation), interception of State of Alaska Permanent Fund Dividends
• Other (please specify)	Bank accounts, lottery winnings, creditor's claim against estate, lien on legal settlement/award
19) Spousal Maintenance Orders <i>(specify yes or no)</i>	
• Establish	No
• Enforce	When there is also a child support obligation
• Modify	No
20) Current Spouse/Partner Information Required	Yes

B. UNIFORM INTERSTATE FAMILY SUPPORT ACT

1) State Code Citation	Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 26.21
2) Effective Date	July 1, 1994
3) Adopted Verbatim? If no, list differences.	Yes
4) Repeal URESA?	Yes
5) Repeal IWW?	No

C. INCOME WITHHOLDING

1) Income Withholding Terminology	Order to Withhold and Deliver (OWD) Payroll Deduction Notice (PDN)
2) Income Withholding Procedures	
• State Withholding Limits	50% of disposable income after mandatory deductions
• Fee Charged by Employers	One time set-up charge of \$10; \$1 for each subsequent payment
• Date to Remit	Immediately, each payday
• Penalty	Liability for the lesser of the total debt or the total amount that should have been withheld
3) Definition of Employer	Any person or organization having any person in employment, defined as personal services of whatever nature, including service in interstate commerce, performed for earnings or under any contract for personal services
4) Included Income	Compensation paid or payable for personal services; wages or salaries; commissions or bonuses; periodic payments under pension plans, retirement programs and insurance policies of any type; industrial insurance disability payments; unemployment compensation; gains from capital or labor, or both; fair value of non-monetary compensation received in exchange for services
5) Excluded Income	Exempt funds such as AFDC, SSI, VA disability
6) Direct Income Withholding for Unemployment Compensation, include address	No, not an employer

7) Direct Income for Workers' Compensation, include address	No, not an employer
8) Direct Income Withholding, other income sources subject to, include address	Employers only
9) Direct Income Withholding, list Other Income Sources NOT subject to	Only employers are subject to direct income withholding
10) Federal Withholding g (See Federal Pay Agents Section)	IV-D Directors need not answer this question.
11) Procedures for Contesting Income Withholding	Yes
12) Arrearages through Income Withholding	Yes
13) Enforcing Against Non-Resident Obligor Asset/Income	Yes
14) Exception to Immediate Withholding	Yes
15) Multiple Obligations Withholding Priorities	
• Policy	under development
• Priority	PDN has priority over any other garnishment, attachment or assignment
• Assistance	DCS Employer Ombudsman, 800-591-2760
• Allocation	Applied by WSSR per algorithm, first to current (proportionately among the cases), then to non-AFDC arrears proportionately among the cases), then to AFDC arrears (proportionately among the cases)

D. PATERNITY

1) Interstate Paternity Procedures	DCS serves putative father and attempts to settle case with an agreed order through court system; if paternity is contested, DCS will conduct blood tests and contact initiating agency to coordinate arrangements
Consent Orders Obtained	Yes
2) Uniform Parentage Act	Yes

3)	Uniform Act on Blood Testing	Yes
4)	Parentage Order Available Without Order for Support	Yes, if residing together
5)	Custody/Visitation Addressed Subject to Tribunal's Jurisdiction	Yes
6)	Genetic Test Results as Presumption of Paternity	Yes
	Threshold	98%
7)	Paternity Acknowledgment as Presumption of Paternity (Rebuttable/Conclusive)	Rebuttable
8)	Marriage as Presumption of Paternity	Yes
9)	Putative Father's Name on Birth Certificate, Effect of	Not a presumption unless an acknowledgment of paternity is obtained within 2 weeks of birth and filed with Department of Health, Center for Health Statistics
10)	Other Statutory Presumptions	Yes, per RCW 26.26.040, (Uniform Parentage Act - Presumption of Paternity); seven identified
11)	Recognition of Common Law Marriage	No
12)	Personal Appearance of Witness or Custodial Parent Required	No
	Acceptable Methods of Testimony	Written testimony
13)	Long-Arm Statute	Yes, RCW 4.28.185
14)	Assistance to Other States Using Their Long-Arm Statutes	
	• Service of Process	Yes, County Prosecuting Attorney where person requiring service resides in Washington
	• Genetic Testing	Yes, same as above
15)	Recovery of Genetic Testing Costs for Other States	Yes, if requested

E. SUPPORT ORDER ESTABLISHMENT

1) Interstate Procedures	Handled same as local cases; if order exists, WA enforces existing order; if no order and paternity is not an issue, administrative order for support entered
2) Income Considered for Setting Support	AP's gross/net income/assets; CP's gross/net income/assets; non-recurring income; salary; wages; commissions; deferred compensation; overtime; contract-related benefits; dividends; interest; trust income; severance pay, annuities, capital gains; unemployment compensation; retirement benefits; spousal maintenance actually received; bonuses; disability benefits; See RCW 26.19.071(3) .(also, age and number of children; child care costs; special medical needs of the child; cost of providing health insurance for the child; second family involvement; long distance transportation expenses; education expenses
3) Criteria for Rebuttal	If this question addresses the child support guidelines, see RCW 26.19.075 "Standards of Deviation from the Standard Calculation"
4) Support Order for Prior Periods	Yes (5 year limit for paternity establishment cases)

F. ENFORCEMENT

(Note: If multiple orders, see Part “G”)

I. ENFORCING YOUR OWN ORDER

1) Enforcement for Non-Resident Family	Same as for Resident Family
2) Administrative Procedures and Remedies Available	Yes
3) Judicial Procedures and Remedies Available with Registration	Yes

II. ENFORCING OTHER STATES' ORDERS

4) Administrative Procedures and Remedies Available Without Registration	Unless specifically requested, DCS will not register for modification, but will register for enforcement under UIFSA with the administrative tribunal. All administrative procedures and remedies except modification are available
5) Judicial/Administrative	Any, including modification

Remedies with Registration	
6) UIFSA/URESA Registration and Enforcement Procedure	Orders can be registered under UIFSA for either enforcement or modification and enforcement
7) Judicial Procedures Required after Registration	After registration for enforcement, none. After registration for modification and enforcement, if WA has jurisdiction, can modify in court
8) Uniform Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Act Citation	RCW 6.36

G. MODIFICATION/REVIEW & ADJUSTMENT OF ORDERS

1) Jurisdiction Requirements	CEJ analysis per UIFSA
2) Modification Procedures	<p>DCS will, upon request in Non-Assistance cases and without a request in AFDC cases, review child support orders on a three year cycle for possible modification. DCS will review orders for modification of child support obligation and for medical support. Modifications may be for either increases or decreases in the child or medical support obligation. DCS uses current information, selection criteria and state statute requirements to review the case. Reviews can be requested on child support cases with a WA Superior Court order. If the court order is filed in another equivalent jurisdiction, one party lives in Washington and a second party lives in a third state, the case may qualify for review if the second party submits to WA jurisdiction. Reviews can also be requested on child support cases with a Washington administrative order. Superior court orders are modified by a court of competent jurisdiction. When a child support order is inconsistent with the WA Child Support Schedule, DCS refers the case for modification action. DCS refers cases with court orders to a Prosecutor or Assistant Attorney General; petitions are filed and the court makes a redetermination of the support amount using the WA Child Support Schedule. WA State Statute provides that all child support orders may be adjusted once every 24 months based upon changes in the income of the parties without a showing of substantially changed circumstances. Adjustment may also be granted in cases with substantially changed circumstances at any time. Adjustments may also be granted more often without a substantial change of circumstance in these situations: (a) If the order works a severe economic hardship on either party or child; (b) if the order was set when a child is in age category "A" (age 0-11) and is now in age category "B" (age 12-18); (c) if a child is still in high school and the court finds a need to extend support beyond the 18th birthday to complete high school; and (d) orders entered prior to June 7, 1984 may be</p>
2) Modification Procedures (Continued)	<p>modified to request or modify health insurance coverage. Requests must include a completed WA Child Support Schedule Worksheet and proof of income. Mandated pleadings to initiate a</p>

	modification action are completed by DCS or attorney staff
3) Criteria for Modification	Change (up or down) of at least \$100 per month and 25%; total support change of at least \$2,400 for the life of the order; no dollar requirement if mod is just to add medical insurance requirement
4) Criteria for Change of Circumstances	WA case law does not contain a hard and fast definition of "substantial change of circumstances"
5) Frequency With Which Reviews are Conducted	Every 3 years
6) Criteria for Review	Order at least 35 months old; IV-D or medical support enforcement case; AFDC, medical assistance only, or IV-E foster care w/o request; non-assistance or state-funded FC upon request of party or IV-D agency; exception to 35-month rule for (a) orders w/o sum certain obligation and (b) orders w/o medical insurance requirement; for Washington order, at least one party resides in WA; for foreign order, both reside in WA
7) Criteria for Adjustment	See Criteria for Modification, above. DCS can also bring an administrative action to effectuate adjustments contemplated in the court order

H. MULTIPLE ORDERS ENFORCEMENT AND MODIFICATION

1) Controlling Order	CEJ analysis per UIFSA, RCW 26.21.135. Order issued in child's current home state, order most recently entered
2) Date of Controlling Order	analysis per UIFSA
3) If No Controlling Order	Enforcement: Highest Order Modification; All orders are presented to tribunal, and CEJ is assumed with entry of new order
4) Arrears Procedure	Arrears are not modifiable

I. Documentation Required to Initiate Requests

ACTION REQUESTED	DOCUMENTS NEEDED	# of Copies of each docu- ment	Certifi- cation required for each docu- ment *See below
Establishment of Paternity and Support	None beyond those in the Uniform parentage Act and mandated pleadings. Use UIFSA guidelines		
Enforcement of Responding State's Order	None beyond mandated pleadings. Use UIFSA guidelines		
Modification of Responding States' Orders	Washington State Child Support Schedule and proof of income		
Administrative Enforcement of Another States' Order	None beyond mandated pleadings. Use UIFSA guidelines		
Registration for Enforcement of Another States' Order	None beyond mandated pleadings. Use UIFSA guidelines		
Collection of Arrearages in Multiple Orders			
Uniform Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Act			
Modification of Another State's Order	Written request signed by a party to the order or a IV-D agent		
Status Update on an Existing Interstate Case	FSA 206 or equivalent		
Assistance/Discovery			
Quick Locate	FSA 206 or equivalent; or CSENet		

***A**= Notarization by Notary Public; **B**= Certification by signature of agency official;
C= Certification by signature of court official; **D**= Others (please specify);
E= Certification not required

J. State Contact Chart

ASSISTANCE NEEDED	CONTACT Name, Title, Address, Phone, Fax, E-mail (include 800 if applicable)
State Information Agent	Division of Child Support Washington State Support Registry P.O. Box 9008 Olympia, WA 98507-9008 (360) 586-2125 FAX (360) 586-3094 1-800-922-4306
Central Registry	Gary Johnson, Chief Central Operations 724 Quince SE, 4th Floor P.O. Box 9008 Olympia, WA 98507-9008 (360) 586-3076
Interstate Policy Contact (if different)	
Contact for Information Regarding Your States Long Arm Statute and Process	
Contact for Information Regarding Collection and Distribution (State level)	Responding field office
Contact to Obtain Payment Records	Responding field office
Contact to Obtain Copy of Order	Responding field office
Contact for States Using Their Long Arm Statutes or Continuing Exclusive Jurisdiction (no “case” in your State) for	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Service of Process (private process server? If so , list) 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Genetic Testing (e.g. assistance with interstate teleconferencing) 	

New Hire Reporting Contact	Charlyn Devoss-Shipley P.O. Box 9023 Olympia, WA 98507-9023 (360) 586-3556
Employer Assistance Contact	
Telephone Number for Automated Interstate Case <i>Status</i> Requests (if any)	
Telephone Number for Automated Interstate Case <i>Payment</i> Requests (if any)	
Privatization Contact	